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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 15 of 1963**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Trinidad and  
Tobago Red Cross Society.

[Assented to 31st May, 1963]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by Enactment  
and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House  
of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago and by the  
authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Trinidad and Tobago Short title  
Red Cross Society (Incorporation) Act, 1963.

## Interpretation

**2. In this Act,**

“the Council” means the Council of the Society constituted in accordance with subsection (1) of section 5;

“the Executive Committee” or “the Committee” means the Executive Committee established in accordance with subsection (3) of section 5;

“the former Branch” means the Trinidad and Tobago Branch of the British Red Cross Society;

“the Society” means the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society incorporated under section 3.

Incorporation  
of Trinidad  
and Tobago  
Red Cross  
Society

**3. The President, officers and members of the former Branch, and all persons who may hereafter become President, officers or members of the Society are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society.**

Purposes of  
the Society**4. The purposes of the Society are:—**

(a) to prevent and alleviate suffering without any distinction based on race, nationality, class, religion or political opinion;

(b) in time of war, to furnish volunteer aid—

(i) to the sick and wounded both of armies and non-belligerents; and

(ii) to prisoners of war and civilian sufferers from the effects of war;

(c) in case of catastrophes or public disasters, to provide the victims with the necessary relief rapidly and effectively;

(d) in time of peace or war, to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering, throughout the world;

(e) to recruit, instruct and assign such personnel, as may be necessary to the maintenance of a permanent organisation;

(f) to promote the Junior Red Cross movement among boys and girls within the framework of the national and international rules governing that movement; and

(g) to propagate the ideal and the humanitarian principles of the Society with a view to developing a feeling of solidarity and mutual understanding among all men and all nations.

5. (1) The governing body of the Society shall be a Council consisting of not more than thirty-six members appointed or elected in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the Council but not less than half of the members of the Council shall be persons elected thereto by the Branches or Divisions of the Society organised in accordance with subsection (2). Government  
of the  
Society

(2) The Council may provide for the organisation of such Branches and Divisions in such parts of Trinidad and Tobago as may seem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes of the Society. The existing organisation of the former Branch shall continue until other provisions are made by the Council.

(3) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of not less than twelve and not more than twenty-four persons appointed or elected by the Council from among its members. Ten members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

(4) When the Council is not in session the Committee shall have and exercise all the powers conferred on the Council by this Act.

(5) Until a Council and an Executive Committee of the Society have been constituted in pursuance of this section, the members of the Executive of the former Branch shall continue to have and exercise the powers of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Society conferred by this Act.

6. The Council may make such Rules as appear to it necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Society and in particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, providing for: Power to  
make rules

- (a) the organisation and functions of branches and divisions of the Society;
- (b) the appointment and duties of the officers of the Society;
- (c) the custody of the property of the Society and the keeping and auditing of Accounts;

- (d) the use of the Red Cross emblem and badge by officers and members of the Society;
- (e) the making of appeals to the public for financial or other support for the Society;
- (f) the terms on which the Society may associate with other voluntary organisations for any purpose which is included among the purposes of the Society;
- (g) the qualifications and functions of the members of the Society and their organisation in various classes according to their qualifications.

Vesting of  
assets of  
former Branch

7. (1) On the day on which this Act comes into operation, all the assets and liabilities of the former Branch shall be transferred to and vested in the Society by virtue of this section and without further assurance.

(2) All deeds, bonds, instruments and contracts subsisting immediately before the day on which this Act comes into operation to which the trustees of the former Branch are parties shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Society as if the Society had been a party thereto.

(3) All assets held by the former Branch for the purpose of any Branch or Division of the former Branch shall continue to be held by the Society for the purposes of the corresponding Branch or Division of the Society.

Offences

8. Any person not being a member of the Society who—
- (a) holds himself out to be or allows himself to be supposed to be a member of or an agent for, the Society for the purpose of soliciting, collecting or receiving money or material; or
  - (b) wears or displays the emblem of the Red Cross on an article of clothing, badge, paper, or in any other way whatsoever, or any insignia coloured in imitation thereof in such a way as to be likely to deceive those to whom it is visible, for the purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member of, or agent for the Society, or that he has been recognised by the Society as possessing any qualification for administering first aid or other treatment for the relief of sickness,

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is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 10th day of May, 1963.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk, House of Representatives*

Passed in the Senate this 14th day of May, 1963.

J. P. OTTLEY  
*Clerk of the Senate*